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SHELL EGGS-COMBINED REGIONAL 05-Dec-03
AVERAGE PRICES ON SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A LARGE OR BETTER, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

| REGIONS | EX LARGE | LARGE | MEDIUM |
|-------------------|----------|--------|--------|
| NORTHEAST | 127.50 | 126.00 | 102.00 |
| SOUTHEAST | 125.50 | 123.50 | 100.00 |
| MIDWEST | 122.50 | 120.50 | 99.00 |
| SOUTH CENTRAL | 126.50 | 125.50 | 102.50 |
| COMBINED REGIONAL | 125.54 | 123.95 | 100.96 |

COMPUTED FROM SIMPLE WEEKLY AVERAGES WEIGHTED BY METROPOLITAN AREA POPULATIONS

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS FOR LOOSE EGGS AT FARM, CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS, CENTS PER DOZEN

| | 12-09-03 | 12-02-03 | 12-10-02 |
|--------|----------|----------|----------|
| Large | 81-85 | 100-104 | 46-50 |
| Medium | 64-68 | 78-82 | 30-34 |

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-AM DEC 08, 2003

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/ 2/
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

| | | | NO | SO | SO | | 5-Area |
|----------|---------|-----------|-------|-------|-------|---------|--------|
| | | Northeast | CENT | CENT | Atl | Pacific | |
| Jumbo | Curr Wk | 10.0 | 15.0 | 10.5 | 15.5 | 13.4 | 64.4 |
| | Change | -0.5 | 0.6 | 2.0 | 1.1 | 0.2 | 6% |
| Ex Lge | Curr Wk | 23.0 | 83.4 | 15.7 | 23.9 | 34.0 | 180.0 |
| | Change | -1.1 | 22.7 | -0.8 | -3.0 | -4.7 | 8% |
| Large | Curr Wk | 42.9 | 158.9 | 109.0 | 106.0 | 118.9 | 535.7 |
| | Change | -4.6 | 27.8 | 16.9 | 0.1 | 23.4 | 13% |
| Medium | Curr Wk | 16.8 | 54.2 | 14.5 | 21.6 | 39.9 | 147.0 |
| | Change | -0.9 | 3.4 | 1.9 | -0.6 | 3.9 | 6% |
| Small | Curr Wk | 3.1 | 5.4 | 4.3 | 5.3 | 5.4 | 23.5 |
| | Change | -1.9 | -1.6 | 1.5 | -0.5 | 1.6 | -4% |
| Misc | Curr Wk | 4.4 | 22.1 | 10.0 | 16.5 | 6.6 | 59.6 |
| | Change | -1.8 | -3.1 | -2.1 | 1.7 | -0.8 | -9% |
| Ungraded | Curr Wk | 20.8 | 38.1 | 24.5 | 43.3 | 28.9 | 155.6 |
| | Change | -3.9 | -8.9 | 0.2 | 4.0 | -2.2 | -6% |
| Total | Curr Wk | 121.0 | 377.1 | 188.5 | 232.1 | 247.1 | 1165.8 |
| Percent | Change | -11% | 12% | 12% | 1% | 9% | 6% |

| TOTAL | Number of Cases | Percent Change | Number of Cooperators |
|-------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------------|
|-------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------------|

| | | | |
|-----------------------------|---------|----|-----|
| Shell Egg | 1,165.8 | 6% | 171 |
| Shell Egg Breaking Stock 2/ | 222.0 | 3% | 36 |
| Total Shell Egg | 1,387.8 | 6% | 207 |

1/Information is supplied by a universe of 171 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. Sample does not represent total U.S. inventory but includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

Processed Eggs: Weekly Eggs Processed Under Federal Inspection**WEEK ENDING 06-DEC-03**

| (LBS IN THOUSANDS) | | | (EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS) | | | |
|--------------------|------------|-----------|------------------------|---------|---------|---------|
| CASES | LIQUID | LIQUID | LIQUID | DRIED | INED | |
| BROKEN | WHOLE | WHITE | YOLK | | | |
| CW | 1,199,334 | 30,491 | 10,516 | 5,729 | 1,975 | 4,299 |
| PW | 1,026,258 | 26,536 | 8,070 | 4,508 | 1,168 | 3,566 |
| LY | 1,249,520 | 29,869 | 11,505 | 6,386 | 2,443 | 4,472 |
| % CHG PWK | 17 | 15 | 30 | 27 | 69 | 21 |
| % CHG LY | -4 | 2 | -9 | -10 | -19 | -4 |
| 2003 | 57,192,385 | 1,405,519 | 515,476 | 280,593 | 112,205 | 204,633 |
| 2002 | 59,017,056 | 1,380,540 | 563,544 | 302,750 | 136,053 | 209,606 |
| % CHG YTD | -3 | 2 | -9 | -7 | -18 | -2 |

| | CURRENT | PREVIOUS | LAST |
|------------------------|---------|----------|-------|
| AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE | WEEK | WEEK | YEAR |
| (INEDIBLE INCLUDED) | 42.55 | 41.59 | 41.80 |
| (INEDIBLE EXCLUDED) | 38.97 | 38.11 | 38.22 |

BROILER HATCHERY

| STATE | Broiler Eggs Set in | | Broiler Chicks Placed | |
|-----------------------|---------------------|----------------|-----------------------|----------------|
| | 19 Selected States | | in 19 Selected States | |
| | Nov 29 | Dec 06 | Nov 29 | Dec 06 |
| | Thousand | | | |
| AL | 29,276 | 29,379 | 21,133 | 21,822 |
| AR | 30,487 | 30,058 | 23,381 | 22,652 |
| DE | 3,785 | 3,828 | 5,638 | 4,892 |
| FL | 1,352 | 1,354 | 1,809 | 1,595 |
| GA | 32,964 | 31,576 | 25,062 | 25,000 |
| KY | *6,895 | 6,965 | *5,113 | 5,465 |
| LA | 3,846 | 3,832 | 3,885 | 3,868 |
| MD | 8,753 | 8,763 | 5,188 | 5,299 |
| MS | 19,027 | 19,237 | 15,146 | 15,738 |
| NC | 18,104 | 16,791 | *14,175 | 14,550 |
| OK | 6,312 | 6,358 | 4,476 | 5,858 |
| PA | *3,606 | 3,549 | *2,655 | 2,678 |
| SC | 3,940 | 3,794 | 4,294 | 4,273 |
| TX | *14,854 | 14,151 | 12,276 | 12,030 |
| VA | 6,622 | 6,438 | *4,527 | 5,822 |
| CA, MO, TN, & WV | *17,594 | 16,810 | *15,256 | 15,500 |
| 19 State Total | *207,417 | 202,883 | *164,014 | 167,042 |
| Previous Year Total | 202,537 | 199,994 | 161,690 | 161,841 |
| Pct. of Prev. Year | 102 | 101 | 101 | 103 |

* Revised

Broiler/Fryer: Weekly Fryers Available for Marketing Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for the marketing during the week ending 16-Jan-04 is estimated at 152.4 million head. This compares to 148.2 million head the previous week and to 152.4 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 155.0 million head and the composite weighted average price was 61.89cents per pound.

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES - WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES (CNTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 12/04/03-12/10/03**CURRENT LDS** 73.25 **FUTURE LDS** 45.50 **TOTAL LDS** 118.75

| CLASS | SE | | NE | | MW | | LOADS |
|-----------|-------|--------|-------|--------|-------|-------|-------|
| | ORG | DST | ORG | DST | ORG | DST | |
| GNR W 1 | 84.25 | 91.00 | 87.00 | 87.00 | — | — | 18.00 |
| GNR W 2 | — | — | — | — | — | — | 1.00 |
| GNR W 3 | — | — | — | — | 59.00 | 62.00 | 1.00 |
| GNR BR XL | — | — | — | 113.57 | — | — | 3.25 |
| GL W J | — | — | 96.00 | 98.00 | 84.83 | — | 2.50 |
| GL W XL | — | 99.00 | 98.00 | 98.26 | 83.48 | 86.75 | 42.00 |
| GL W LG | — | 104.67 | 93.50 | 94.44 | 86.71 | 80.50 | 31.00 |
| GL W MD | 80.91 | 77.00 | 74.00 | 76.80 | 67.44 | 67.67 | 17.25 |
| GL W SM | 53.50 | 55.00 | 55.86 | 57.36 | — | — | 2.75 |
| NRBS - 48 | — | — | — | 75.00 | 70.50 | 77.85 | 9.50 |
| NRBS - 45 | — | — | — | — | 73.00 | — | 4.00 |

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS W/E 6-Dec-03

| SELECTED CONSUMING CENTERS | CW | | PW | | PCT CHG | |
|----------------------------|-----------|-------|-----------|-----|---------|----|
| | THOUSANDS | | THOUSANDS | | PW | LY |
| ATLANTA | 30.0 | 28.7 | 5 | 29 | | |
| BOSTON | 3.8 | 4.0 | -5 | -10 | | |
| CHICAGO | 60.6 | 68.9 | -12 | 18 | | |
| DETROIT | 26.5 | 33.7 | -21 | 9 | | |
| KANSAS CITY | 4.0 | 5.6 | -29 | 3 | | |
| LOS ANGELES | 99.0 | 107.7 | -8 | 12 | | |
| NEW ORLEANS | 8.7 | 9.6 | -9 | -36 | | |
| NEW YORK | 27.2 | 29.9 | -9 | -15 | | |
| ST. LOUIS | 17.2 | 18.2 | -5 | 6 | | |
| SAN FRANCISCO | 22.4 | 26.3 | -15 | 3 | | |
| TOTAL | 299.4 | 332.6 | -10 | 7 | | |
| 4 WK MVG AVG | 310.2 | | | | | |

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED W/E 06-Dec-2003

| | YOUNG | | YOUNG | | OLD | TOTAL |
|----------------|---------------------|---------|----------|-------|---------|-------|
| | HENS | TOMS | BREEDERS | | | |
| | -----THOUSANDS----- | | | | | |
| HEAD | 1,924 | 2,841 | 69 | 1 | 4,835 | |
| AVG WT | 16.35 | 35.97 | 24.85 | 50.13 | 28.00 | |
| LAST WEEK | 1,018 | 1,605 | 50 | 5 | 2,678 | |
| SAME WK YR AGO | 2,053 | 2,863 | 58 | 40 | 5,014 | |
| AVG WT | 15.77 | 37.15 | 24.89 | 27.71 | 28.18 | |
| TO-DATE/2003 | 92,597 | 134,485 | 3,090 | 604 | 230,776 | |
| TO-DATE/2002 | 91,187 | 135,575 | 2,631 | 640 | 230,033 | |

NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS

Week ending 06-Dec-2003

(Preliminary) (Released 1:00 Eastern Time)

| —YOUNG TURKEYS— | | | OLD | | TOTAL TURKEYS | |
|-----------------|---------|---------|-----------|-------|---------------|---------|
| THOUSAND | PCT CHG | AVG | BANDED | HEAD- | AVG | |
| HEAD | PW | LIVE WT | -THOUSAND | HEAD- | LIVE WT | |
| N EAST | 860 | 104 | 22.69 | (A) | 861 | 22.69 |
| SATL | 845 | 89 | 29.75 | (A) | 845 | 29.75 |
| N CENT | 2,168 | 61 | 32.21 | (A) | 2,168 | 32.21 |
| S CENT | 514 | 178 | 20.17 | (A) | 514 | 20.17 |
| WEST | 447 | 65 | 23.51 | (A) | 447 | 23.51 |
| U.S. TOTAL | 4,834 | (B) 81 | 28.00 | 1 | 4,835 | 28.00 |
| TO-DATE | | | | | | |
| 2003 | 230,172 | (B) | | | 604 | 230,776 |
| TO-DATE | | | | | | |
| 2002 | 229,393 | (B) | | | 640 | 230,033 |

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 69,000 for the year 3,090,000; last year to date 2,631,000.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

WEEK ENDING 06-Dec-2003 (PRELIMINARY)

| | YOUNG CHICKENS | LIGHT HENS | HEAVY HENS | TOTAL HENS | DUCKS |
|---------------------|-------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|--------|
| -----THOUSANDS----- | | | | | |
| HEAD | 154,912 | 1,399 | 1,437 | 2,836 | 394 |
| AVG WT | 5.45 | 3.78 | 8.01 | 5.92 | 6.62 |
| LAST WEEK | 118,334 | 668 | 897 | 1,565 | 305 |
| SAME WK YR AGO | 151,980 | 1,739 | 1,425 | 3,164 | 408 |
| AVG WT | 5.13 | 3.62 | 7.87 | 5.53 | 6.55 |
| TO-DATE/2003 | 7,511,270 | 69,258 | 68,510 | 137,768 | 20,199 |
| TO-DATE/2002 | 7,570,901 | 84,862 | 69,353 | 154,215 | 20,356 |

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 150.2 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 156.8 million head or 6.6 million head more than or 104% of estimated fryers available.

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 13-Dec-03

| | CURRENT WEEK 12/13/03(1) | PREVIOUS WEEK 12/06/03 |
|-------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------|
| -----THOUSAND HEAD----- | | |
| CLASS | | |
| BRO-FRY | 161,100(2) | 157,263 |
| LT HENS | 1,501 | 1,525 |
| HVY HENS | 1,337 | 1,486 |
| CHECK TOTAL | 163,938 | 160,274 |

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 13-Dec-03 is 150.2 million head compared to 156.8 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 161.4 million head or 11.2 million more than estimated available. For week of 20-Dec-03 the estimated available is 147.8 million head.

ESTIMATED U.S. SLAUGHTER COMPARED TO**ESTIMATED FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING.**

| WEEK ENDING | MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED | MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE | PCT | AVG WT |
|--------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------|------|--------|
| NOVEMBER | | | | |
| 1 | 159.7 | 157.2 | 102% | 5.36 |
| 8 | 160.0 | 154.5 | 104% | 5.04 |
| 15 | 159.0 | 151.7 | 105% | 5.30 |
| 22 | 153.1 | 149.1 | 103% | 5.25 |
| 29 | 119.8 | 149.6 | 80% | 5.35 |
| DECEMBER | | | | |
| 6 | 156.8 | 150.2 | 104% | 5.45 |
| YEAR TO DATE | 7,602.6 | 7,669.6 | 99% | |
| DECEMBER | | | | |
| 13 | | 150.2 | | |
| 20 | | 147.8 | | |

COMPOSITE WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES FOR RTC BROILER/FRYERS

| | Change from | | |
|-----------------|-------------|-----------|-----------|
| 08-Dec-03 | 01-DEC-03 | 01-DEC-03 | 09-Dec-02 |
| 66.01 | 0.64 | 65.37 | 53.73 |
| NUMBER OF LOADS | 617 | | |

READY-TO-COOK POULTRY BROILER/FRYERS

Final report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers f.o.b. and Delivered to First Receivers at major market areas week of 12/08/03-12/12/03 (cents per lb.)

| | U.S. GRADE A | | COMPOSITE | | |
|-------------|--------------|---------|-----------|---------|-----|
| | MAJ | WTD AVG | LDS | WTD AVG | LDS |
| Chicago | 56.00-59.00 | 59.29 | 39 | 61.76 | 72 |
| Los Angeles | 74.00 | 71.79 | 68 | 71.74 | 148 |
| New York | 61.00-64.00 | 62.26 | 23 | 62.81 | 53 |

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

| | OFFERS | SALES | WTD AVG | LBS (000) |
|----------------------|---------|---------|------------|--------------|
| CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/ | | | | |
| 8-16 LB HENS | | | | |
| EASTERN REGION 3/ | 67-71.5 | 67-71.5 | 68.79 | 168 |
| CENTRAL REGION 4/ | 65-70 | 67-67.5 | 67.42 | 63 |
| WESTERN REGION 5/ | 66-70 | - | - | - |

16-24 LB TOMS

| | | | | |
|----------------|---------|-------|-------|----|
| EASTERN REGION | 60-62 | 60-62 | 61.14 | 70 |
| CENTRAL REGION | 59-61.5 | 61.5 | 61.50 | 27 |
| WESTERN REGION | 60-62 | - | - | - |

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F.

2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days.

3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting.

4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting.

5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting.

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS - SELECTED STGE CENTERS

(INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

| | FREGS LBS | TURKS LBS | POP LBS |
|-------------|-----------|-----------|---------|
| AM 12/08/03 | 3,333 | 120,415 | 44,559 |
| AM 12/01/03 | 3,395 | 110,555 | 45,473 |
| CHG | -62 | 9,860 | -914 |
| PCT CHG | -2% | 9% | -2% |
| CK TTL | 6,790 | 240,830 | 90,946 |

HEN MARKETS

HEAVY TYPE Final Price, Generally for slaughter the week of 08-Dec-03

| | RANGE | MAJORITY | WTD. AVG |
|--|--------------------|----------|-------------|
| Southeast (1) | 6-9 CENTS/LB. | 8-9 | 8.58 |
| Southeast (2) | TFEWR | | |
| South Central(1) | 6.5-11.5 CENTS/LB. | 8.5-9.5 | 9.04 |
| (1) At Farm Buyer Loading (2) At Farm Producer Loading | | | |

LIGHT TYPE 05-Dec-03 Cents per Head, generally for removal within the next 10 days (includes handling, freight and any other charges, weights average about 3.50 pounds)

| | RANGE | MAJORITY |
|--------------------|-------------------|----------|
| Eastern | | |
| Removal Cost | 0-12 | 10-11 |
| So. Central | | |
| Removal Cost | Too Few To Report | |
| No. Central | | |
| Removal Cost | 4.5-12.5 | 10-12.25 |

COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT REPORT

W/E 06-Dec-03

(RECEIPTS FROM PRODUCERS)

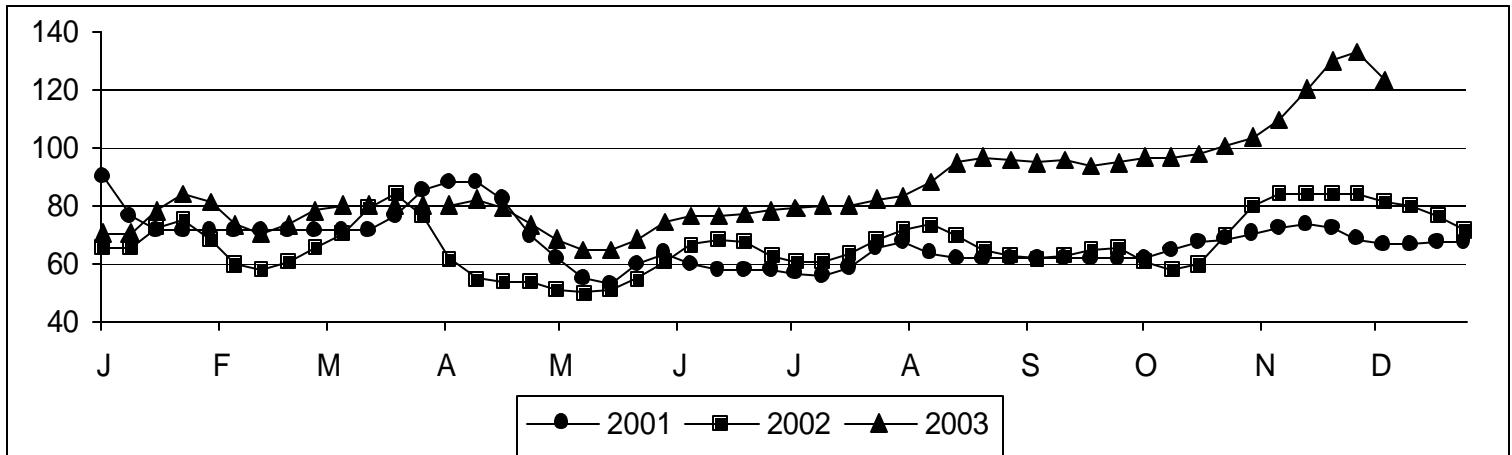
| REGIONS | CASES (IN THOUS) | PERCENT CHANGE FROM PW | LY |
|--------------|---------------------|---------------------------|----|
| N. ATLANTIC | 221.9 | -2 | -9 |
| E.N. CENTRAL | 542.4 | 13 | 1 |
| W.N. CENTRAL | 285.7 | 12 | 2 |
| S. ATLANTIC | 188.4 | -3 | -4 |
| S. CENTRAL | 116.5 | 6 | 22 |
| WEST | 182.8 | -6 | 2 |
| TOTAL | 1,537.7 | 6 | 0 |

MATCHED PLANTS REPORTING

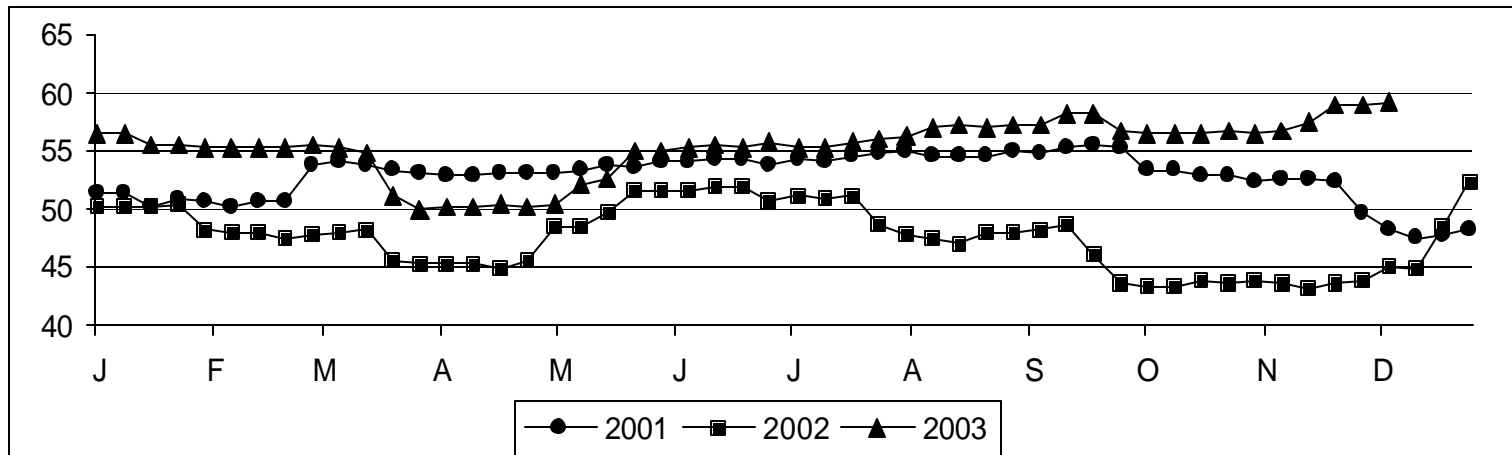
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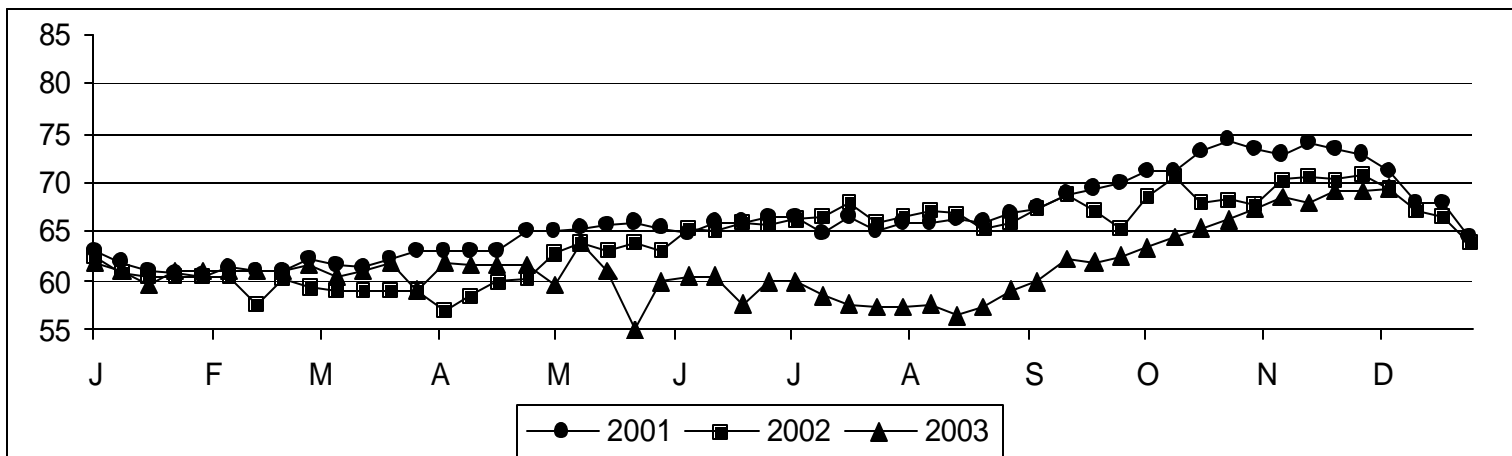
**New York Large Weekly Average Price
Cents per Dozen**



**Chicago Broiler/Fryer Weighted Average Prices
Cents per Pound**



**Eastern Region Weekly Average Prices For 8-16 LB Hen Turkeys
Cents per Pound**



Note: Some Weeks' Average Prices are Based on Offers Only

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| REGIONS | EX LARGE | LARGE | MEDIUM |
|-------------------|----------|--------|--------|
| NORTHEAST | 127.50 | 126.00 | 102.00 |
| SOUTHEAST | 125.50 | 123.50 | 100.00 |
| MIDWEST | 122.50 | 120.50 | 99.00 |
| SOUTH CENTRAL | 126.50 | 125.50 | 102.50 |
| COMBINED REGIONAL | 125.54 | 123.95 | 100.96 |

COMPUTED FROM SIMPLE WEEKLY AVERAGES WEIGHTED BY METROPOLITAN AREA POPULATIONS

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS FOR LOOSE EGGS AT FARM, CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS, CENTS PER DOZEN

| | 12-09-03 | 12-02-03 | 12-10-02 |
|--------|----------|----------|----------|
| Large | 81-85 | 100-104 | 46-50 |
| Medium | 64-68 | 78-82 | 30-34 |

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-AM DEC 08, 2003

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/ 2/
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

| | | | NO | SO | SO | | 5-Area |
|----------|---------|-----------|-------|-------|-------|---------|--------|
| | | Northeast | CENT | CENT | Atl | Pacific | |
| Jumbo | Curr Wk | 10.0 | 15.0 | 10.5 | 15.5 | 13.4 | 64.4 |
| | Change | -0.5 | 0.6 | 2.0 | 1.1 | 0.2 | 6% |
| Ex Lge | Curr Wk | 23.0 | 83.4 | 15.7 | 23.9 | 34.0 | 180.0 |
| | Change | -1.1 | 22.7 | -0.8 | -3.0 | -4.7 | 8% |
| Large | Curr Wk | 42.9 | 158.9 | 109.0 | 106.0 | 118.9 | 535.7 |
| | Change | -4.6 | 27.8 | 16.9 | 0.1 | 23.4 | 13% |
| Medium | Curr Wk | 16.8 | 54.2 | 14.5 | 21.6 | 39.9 | 147.0 |
| | Change | -0.9 | 3.4 | 1.9 | -0.6 | 3.9 | 6% |
| Small | Curr Wk | 3.1 | 5.4 | 4.3 | 5.3 | 5.4 | 23.5 |
| | Change | -1.9 | -1.6 | 1.5 | -0.5 | 1.6 | -4% |
| Misc | Curr Wk | 4.4 | 22.1 | 10.0 | 16.5 | 6.6 | 59.6 |
| | Change | -1.8 | -3.1 | -2.1 | 1.7 | -0.8 | -9% |
| Ungraded | Curr Wk | 20.8 | 38.1 | 24.5 | 43.3 | 28.9 | 155.6 |
| | Change | -3.9 | -8.9 | 0.2 | 4.0 | -2.2 | -6% |
| Total | Curr Wk | 121.0 | 377.1 | 188.5 | 232.1 | 247.1 | 1165.8 |
| Percent | Change | -11% | 12% | 12% | 1% | 9% | 6% |

| TOTAL | Number of Cases | Percent Change | Number of Cooperators |
|-------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------------|
|-------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------------|

| | | | |
|-----------------------------|---------|----|-----|
| Shell Egg | 1,165.8 | 6% | 171 |
| Shell Egg Breaking Stock 2/ | 222.0 | 3% | 36 |
| Total Shell Egg | 1,387.8 | 6% | 207 |

1/Information is supplied by a universe of 171 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. Sample does not represent total U.S. inventory but includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

Processed Eggs: Weekly Eggs Processed Under Federal Inspection**WEEK ENDING 06-DEC-03**

| (LBS IN THOUSANDS) | | | (EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS) | | | |
|--------------------|------------|-----------|------------------------|---------|---------|---------|
| CASES | LIQUID | LIQUID | LIQUID | DRIED | INED | |
| BROKEN | WHOLE | WHITE | YOLK | | | |
| CW | 1,199,334 | 30,491 | 10,516 | 5,729 | 1,975 | 4,299 |
| PW | 1,026,258 | 26,536 | 8,070 | 4,508 | 1,168 | 3,566 |
| LY | 1,249,520 | 29,869 | 11,505 | 6,386 | 2,443 | 4,472 |
| % CHG PWK | 17 | 15 | 30 | 27 | 69 | 21 |
| % CHG LY | -4 | 2 | -9 | -10 | -19 | -4 |
| 2003 | 57,192,385 | 1,405,519 | 515,476 | 280,593 | 112,205 | 204,633 |
| 2002 | 59,017,056 | 1,380,540 | 563,544 | 302,750 | 136,053 | 209,606 |
| % CHG YTD | -3 | 2 | -9 | -7 | -18 | -2 |

| | CURRENT | PREVIOUS | LAST |
|------------------------|---------|----------|-------|
| AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE | WEEK | WEEK | YEAR |
| (INEDIBLE INCLUDED) | 42.55 | 41.59 | 41.80 |
| (INEDIBLE EXCLUDED) | 38.97 | 38.11 | 38.22 |

BROILER HATCHERY

| STATE | Broiler Eggs Set in | | Broiler Chicks Placed | |
|-----------------------|---------------------|----------------|-----------------------|----------------|
| | 19 Selected States | | in 19 Selected States | |
| | Nov 29 | Dec 06 | Nov 29 | Dec 06 |
| | Thousand | | | |
| AL | 29,276 | 29,379 | 21,133 | 21,822 |
| AR | 30,487 | 30,058 | 23,381 | 22,652 |
| DE | 3,785 | 3,828 | 5,638 | 4,892 |
| FL | 1,352 | 1,354 | 1,809 | 1,595 |
| GA | 32,964 | 31,576 | 25,062 | 25,000 |
| KY | *6,895 | 6,965 | *5,113 | 5,465 |
| LA | 3,846 | 3,832 | 3,885 | 3,868 |
| MD | 8,753 | 8,763 | 5,188 | 5,299 |
| MS | 19,027 | 19,237 | 15,146 | 15,738 |
| NC | 18,104 | 16,791 | *14,175 | 14,550 |
| OK | 6,312 | 6,358 | 4,476 | 5,858 |
| PA | *3,606 | 3,549 | *2,655 | 2,678 |
| SC | 3,940 | 3,794 | 4,294 | 4,273 |
| TX | *14,854 | 14,151 | 12,276 | 12,030 |
| VA | 6,622 | 6,438 | *4,527 | 5,822 |
| CA, MO, TN, & WV | *17,594 | 16,810 | *15,256 | 15,500 |
| 19 State Total | *207,417 | 202,883 | *164,014 | 167,042 |
| Previous Year Total | 202,537 | 199,994 | 161,690 | 161,841 |
| Pct. of Prev. Year | 102 | 101 | 101 | 103 |

* Revised

Broiler/Fryer: Weekly Fryers Available for Marketing Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for the marketing during the week ending 16-Jan-04 is estimated at 152.4 million head. This compares to 148.2 million head the previous week and to 152.4 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 155.0 million head and the composite weighted average price was 61.89cents per pound.

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES - WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES (CNTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 12/04/03-12/10/03**CURRENT LDS** 73.25 **FUTURE LDS** 45.50 **TOTAL LDS** 118.75

| | SE | | NE | | MW | | |
|-----------|-------|--------|-------|--------|-------|-------|-------|
| CLASS | ORG | DST | ORG | DST | ORG | DST | LOADS |
| GNR W 1 | 84.25 | 91.00 | 87.00 | 87.00 | — | — | 18.00 |
| GNR W 2 | — | — | — | — | — | — | 1.00 |
| GNR W 3 | — | — | — | — | 59.00 | 62.00 | 1.00 |
| GNR BR XL | — | — | — | 113.57 | — | — | 3.25 |
| GL W J | — | — | 96.00 | 98.00 | 84.83 | — | 2.50 |
| GL W XL | — | 99.00 | 98.00 | 98.26 | 83.48 | 86.75 | 42.00 |
| GL W LG | — | 104.67 | 93.50 | 94.44 | 86.71 | 80.50 | 31.00 |
| GL W MD | 80.91 | 77.00 | 74.00 | 76.80 | 67.44 | 67.67 | 17.25 |
| GL W SM | 53.50 | 55.00 | 55.86 | 57.36 | — | — | 2.75 |
| NRBS - 48 | — | — | — | 75.00 | 70.50 | 77.85 | 9.50 |
| NRBS - 45 | — | — | — | — | 73.00 | — | 4.00 |

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS W/E 6-Dec-03

| SELECTED | CW | PW | PCT CHG |
|-------------------|-----------|-------|---------|
| CONSUMING CENTERS | THOUSANDS | | PW LY |
| ATLANTA | 30.0 | 28.7 | 5 29 |
| BOSTON | 3.8 | 4.0 | -5 -10 |
| CHICAGO | 60.6 | 68.9 | -12 18 |
| DETROIT | 26.5 | 33.7 | -21 9 |
| KANSAS CITY | 4.0 | 5.6 | -29 3 |
| LOS ANGELES | 99.0 | 107.7 | -8 12 |
| NEW ORLEANS | 8.7 | 9.6 | -9 -36 |
| NEW YORK | 27.2 | 29.9 | -9 -15 |
| ST. LOUIS | 17.2 | 18.2 | -5 6 |
| SAN FRANCISCO | 22.4 | 26.3 | -15 3 |
| TOTAL | 299.4 | 332.6 | -10 7 |
| 4 WK MVG AVG | 310.2 | | |

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED W/E 06-Dec-2003

| | YOUNG | YOUNG | OLD | TOTAL |
|----------------|---------------------|---------|----------|-------------|
| | HENS | TOMS | BREEDERS | |
| | -----THOUSANDS----- | | | |
| HEAD | 1,924 | 2,841 | 69 | 1 4,835 |
| AVG WT | 16.35 | 35.97 | 24.85 | 50.13 28.00 |
| LAST WEEK | 1,018 | 1,605 | 50 | 5 2,678 |
| SAME WK YR AGO | 2,053 | 2,863 | 58 | 40 5,014 |
| AVG WT | 15.77 | 37.15 | 24.89 | 27.71 28.18 |
| TO-DATE/2003 | 92,597 | 134,485 | 3,090 | 604 230,776 |
| TO-DATE/2002 | 91,187 | 135,575 | 2,631 | 640 230,033 |

NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS

Week ending 06-Dec-2003

(Preliminary) (Released 1:00 Eastern Time)

| —YOUNG TURKEYS— | | | OLD | TOTAL TURKEYS |
|-----------------|---------|---------|-----------------|-----------------|
| THOUSAND | PCT CHG | AVG | BANDED | AVG |
| HEAD | PW | LIVE WT | -THOUSAND HEAD- | LIVE WT |
| N EAST | 860 | 104 | 22.69 | (A) 861 22.69 |
| SATL | 845 | 89 | 29.75 | (A) 845 29.75 |
| N CENT | 2,168 | 61 | 32.21 | (A) 2,168 32.21 |
| S CENT | 514 | 178 | 20.17 | (A) 514 20.17 |
| WEST | 447 | 65 | 23.51 | (A) 447 23.51 |
| U.S. TOTAL | 4,834 | (B) 81 | 28.00 | 1 4,835 28.00 |

TO-DATE

2003 230,172 (B) 604 230,776

TO-DATE

2002 229,393 (B) 640 230,033

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 69,000 for the year 3,090,000; last year to date 2,631,000.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

WEEK ENDING 06-Dec-2003 (PRELIMINARY)

| | YOUNG CHICKENS | LIGHT HENS | HEAVY HENS | TOTAL HENS | DUCKS |
|---------------------|-------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|--------|
| -----THOUSANDS----- | | | | | |
| HEAD | 154,912 | 1,399 | 1,437 | 2,836 | 394 |
| AVG WT | 5.45 | 3.78 | 8.01 | 5.92 | 6.62 |
| LAST WEEK | 118,334 | 668 | 897 | 1,565 | 305 |
| SAME WK YR AGO | 151,980 | 1,739 | 1,425 | 3,164 | 408 |
| AVG WT | 5.13 | 3.62 | 7.87 | 5.53 | 6.55 |
| TO-DATE/2003 | 7,511,270 | 69,258 | 68,510 | 137,768 | 20,199 |
| TO-DATE/2002 | 7,570,901 | 84,862 | 69,353 | 154,215 | 20,356 |

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 150.2 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 156.8 million head or 6.6 million head more than or 104% of estimated fryers available.

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 13-Dec-03

| | CURRENT WEEK 12/13/03(1) | PREVIOUS WEEK 12/06/03 |
|-------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------|
| -----THOUSAND HEAD----- | | |
| CLASS | | |
| BRO-FRY | 161,100(2) | 157,263 |
| LT HENS | 1,501 | 1,525 |
| HVY HENS | 1,337 | 1,486 |
| CHECK TOTAL | 163,938 | 160,274 |

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 13-Dec-03 is 150.2 million head compared to 156.8 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 161.4 million head or 11.2 million more than estimated available. For week of 20-Dec-03 the estimated available is 147.8 million head.

ESTIMATED U.S. SLAUGHTER COMPARED TO**ESTIMATED FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING.**

| WEEK ENDING | MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED | MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE | PCT | AVG WT |
|--------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------|------|--------|
| NOVEMBER | | | | |
| 1 | 159.7 | 157.2 | 102% | 5.36 |
| 8 | 160.0 | 154.5 | 104% | 5.04 |
| 15 | 159.0 | 151.7 | 105% | 5.30 |
| 22 | 153.1 | 149.1 | 103% | 5.25 |
| 29 | 119.8 | 149.6 | 80% | 5.35 |
| DECEMBER | | | | |
| 6 | 156.8 | 150.2 | 104% | 5.45 |
| YEAR TO DATE | 7,602.6 | 7,669.6 | 99% | |
| DECEMBER | | | | |
| 13 | | 150.2 | | |
| 20 | | 147.8 | | |

COMPOSITE WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES FOR RTC BROILER/FRYERS

| | Change from | | |
|-----------------|-------------|-----------|-----------|
| 08-Dec-03 | 01-DEC-03 | 01-DEC-03 | 09-Dec-02 |
| 66.01 | 0.64 | 65.37 | 53.73 |
| NUMBER OF LOADS | 617 | | |

READY-TO-COOK POULTRY BROILER/FRYERS

Final report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers f.o.b. and Delivered to First Receivers at major market areas week of 12/08/03-12/12/03 (cents per lb.)

| | U.S. GRADE A | | COMPOSITE | | |
|-------------|--------------|---------|-----------|---------|-----|
| | MAJ | WTD AVG | LDS | WTD AVG | LDS |
| Chicago | 56.00-59.00 | 59.29 | 39 | 61.76 | 72 |
| Los Angeles | 74.00 | 71.79 | 68 | 71.74 | 148 |
| New York | 61.00-64.00 | 62.26 | 23 | 62.81 | 53 |

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

| | OFFERS | SALES | WTD AVG | LBS (000) |
|----------------------|---------|---------|------------|--------------|
| CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/ | | | | |
| 8-16 LB HENS | | | | |
| EASTERN REGION 3/ | 67-71.5 | 67-71.5 | 68.79 | 168 |
| CENTRAL REGION 4/ | 65-70 | 67-67.5 | 67.42 | 63 |
| WESTERN REGION 5/ | 66-70 | - | - | - |

16-24 LB TOMS

| | | | | |
|----------------|---------|-------|-------|----|
| EASTERN REGION | 60-62 | 60-62 | 61.14 | 70 |
| CENTRAL REGION | 59-61.5 | 61.5 | 61.50 | 27 |
| WESTERN REGION | 60-62 | - | - | - |

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F.

2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days.

3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting.

4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting.

5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting.

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS - SELECTED STGE CENTERS

(INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

| | FREGS LBS | TURKS LBS | POP LBS |
|-------------|-----------|-----------|---------|
| AM 12/08/03 | 3,333 | 120,415 | 44,559 |
| AM 12/01/03 | 3,395 | 110,555 | 45,473 |
| CHG | -62 | 9,860 | -914 |
| PCT CHG | -2% | 9% | -2% |
| CK TTL | 6,790 | 240,830 | 90,946 |

HEN MARKETS

HEAVY TYPE Final Price, Generally for slaughter the week of 08-Dec-03

| | RANGE | MAJORITY | WTD. AVG |
|--|--------------------|----------|-------------|
| Southeast (1) | 6-9 CENTS/LB. | 8-9 | 8.58 |
| Southeast (2) | TFEWR | | |
| South Central(1) | 6.5-11.5 CENTS/LB. | 8.5-9.5 | 9.04 |
| (1) At Farm Buyer Loading (2) At Farm Producer Loading | | | |

LIGHT TYPE 05-Dec-03 Cents per Head, generally for removal within the next 10 days (includes handling, freight and any other charges, weights average about 3.50 pounds)

| | RANGE | MAJORITY |
|--------------------|-------------------|----------|
| Eastern | | |
| Removal Cost | 0-12 | 10-11 |
| So. Central | | |
| Removal Cost | Too Few To Report | |
| No. Central | | |
| Removal Cost | 4.5-12.5 | 10-12.25 |

COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT REPORT

W/E 06-Dec-03

(RECEIPTS FROM PRODUCERS)

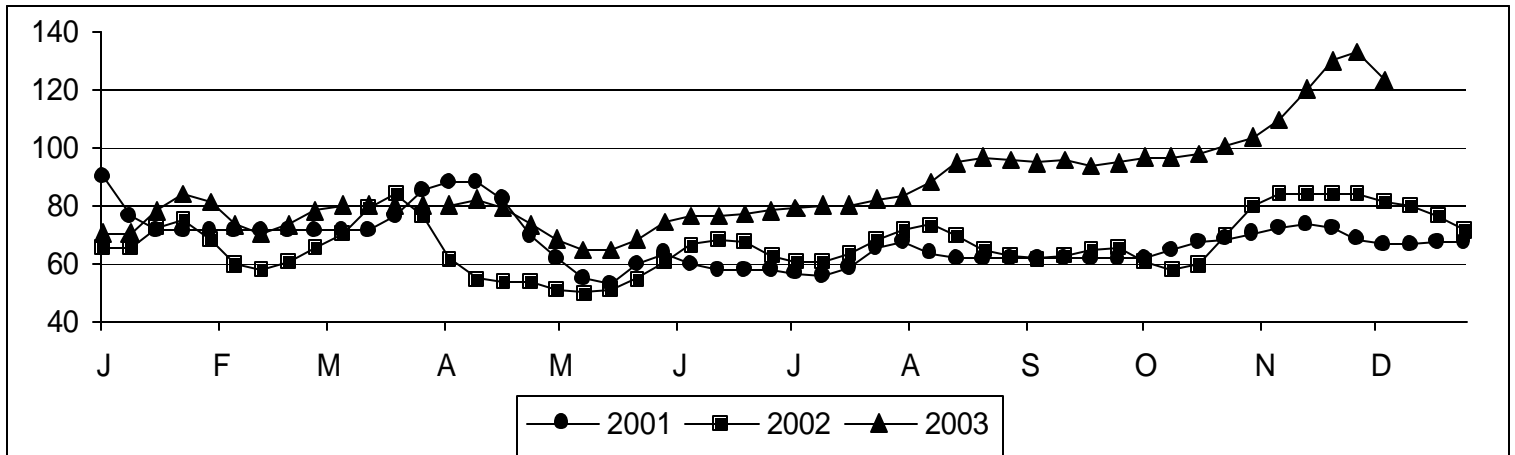
| REGIONS | CASES (IN THOUS) | PERCENT CHANGE FROM PW | LY |
|--------------|---------------------|---------------------------|----|
| N. ATLANTIC | 221.9 | -2 | -9 |
| E.N. CENTRAL | 542.4 | 13 | 1 |
| W.N. CENTRAL | 285.7 | 12 | 2 |
| S. ATLANTIC | 188.4 | -3 | -4 |
| S. CENTRAL | 116.5 | 6 | 22 |
| WEST | 182.8 | -6 | 2 |
| TOTAL | 1,537.7 | 6 | 0 |

MATCHED PLANTS REPORTING

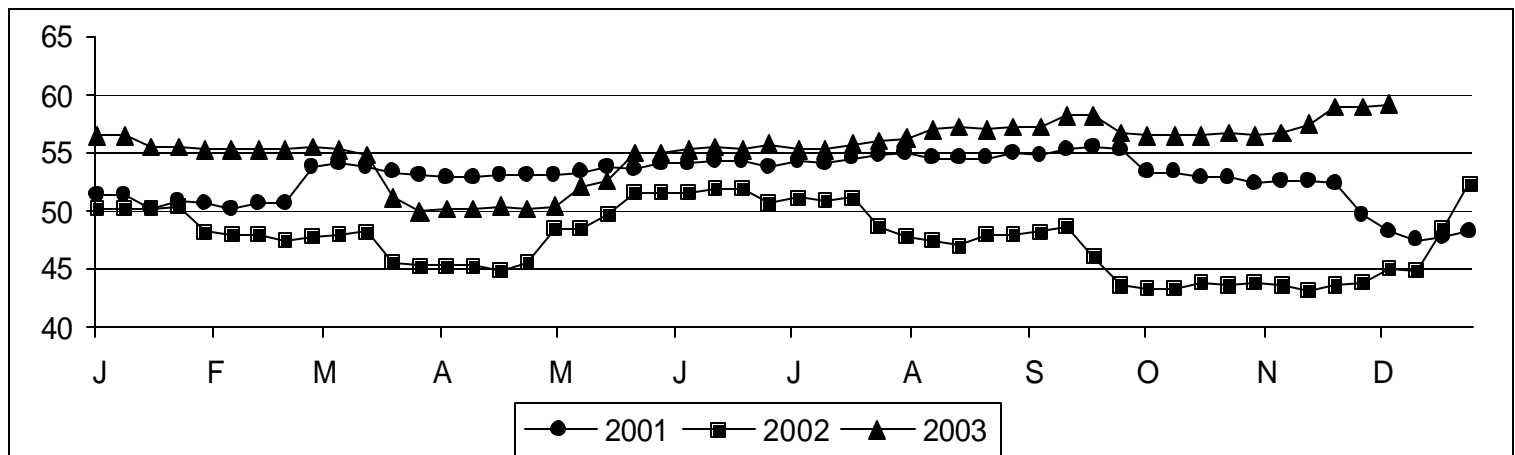
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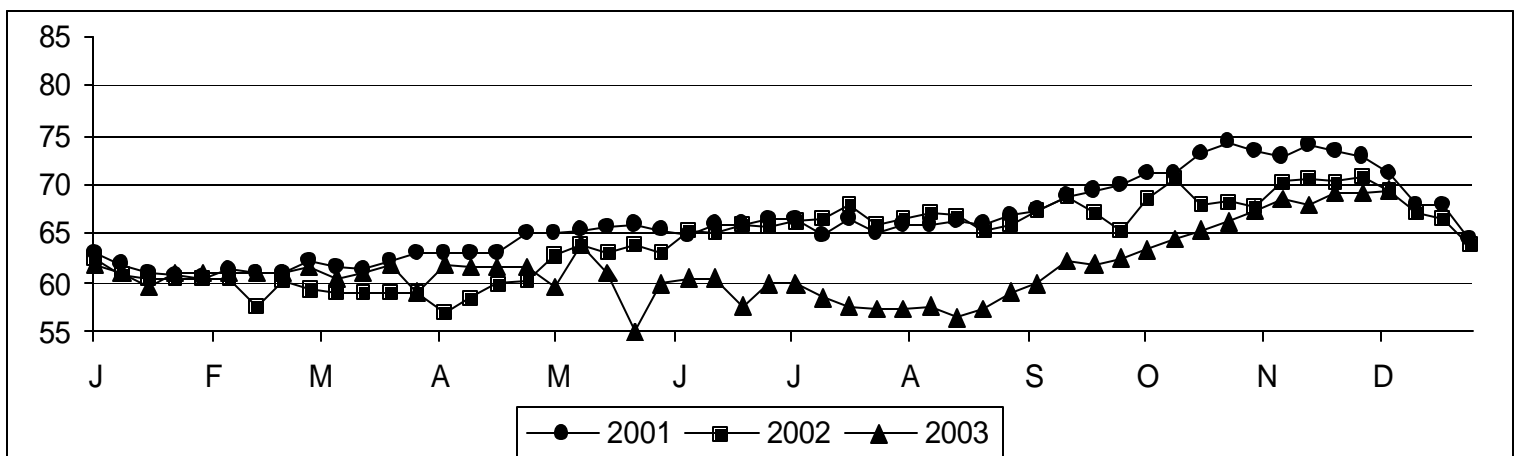
New York Large Weekly Average Price Cents per Dozen



Chicago Broiler/Fryer Weighted Average Prices Cents per Pound



Eastern Region Weekly Average Prices For 8-16 LB Hen Turkeys Cents per Pound



Note: Some Weeks' Average Prices are Based on Offers Only

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